

Appln No. 10/774,171

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 2, 3 and 4 have been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to be patentable over Elson (U.S. Pat. No. 5,538,398).

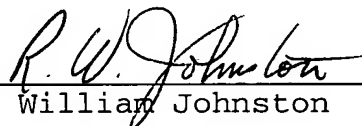
With the pump now defined by claim 1, gas pumped by the pump can be stored in the high pressure housing, and subsequently released on demand by operation of the discharge valve in the high pressure housing outlet. The Elson patent neither discloses nor even suggests the structure now defined by claim 1.

Applicant's application is now in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is requested.

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